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Dear Ms. Best:

This is the final response to your February 19, 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to United States National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. We received your request and 54 pages of records from NARA on October 22, 2018 and assigned it case number 19-F-0168. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Offices of the Missile Defense Agency (MDA), Joint Staff (JS) and the Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA), components of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), conducted a review of the referred 54 pages which have been determined to be responsive to your request. Mr. David Bagnatti, Chief of Staff, the Initial Denial Authority (IDA) for MDA; Mr. Scott McPherson, Chief, IMD Declassification Branch, the IDA for JS and Ms. Jacqueline Yost, Division Director, Corporate Communications Office, the IDA for PFPA have determined that portions of the 54 pages are exempt from disclosure pursuant to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, Title 5 U.S.C. § 552, exemption (b)(6), as disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of the individuals involved.

In this instance, fees for processing your request were below the threshold for requiring payments; however, fees may be assessed on future requests.

If you are not satisfied with the response, you may contact our OSD FOIA Public Liaison, Darrell Williams, at 571-372-0462 or email at OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil. Also, please note that the Office of the Government Information Services (OGIS) offers services to requests who have disputes with Federal agencies. You may contact OGIS if you have concerns about the processing of your request. Their contact information is provided below:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740
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You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to OCMO Office of the Chief Management Officer, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox# 24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. Your appeal must be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date of this response. Alternatively, you may use the OSD FOIA request portal at <http://pal.whs.mil/palMain.aspx> or email your appeal to OSD.FOIAPolicy@mail.mil. If you use email, please include the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Please also reference case number 19-F-0168 in any appeal correspondence.

If you have any questions or concerns about the foregoing or about the processing of your request, please do not hesitate to contact Raymond Hartwick at 571-372-0432 or Raymond.j.hartwick.ctr@mail.mil.

Sincerely,

for Adrienne L. Carr
Stephanie L. Carr
Chief

Enclosure:
As stated

